

21 (Five Times Amended). A composition comprising a recombinant adeno-associated virus (AAV) suspended in a biologically compatible carrier,

wherein said recombinant AAV comprises (a) a 5' AAV inverted terminal repeat (ITR), (b) nucleic acid sequences encoding human apolipoprotein E (ApoE) operably linked to regulatory sequences which direct its expression, and (c) a 3' AAV ITR, and

wherein the recombinant AAV is at least as free of contaminating adenoviral helper virus as is obtained by subjecting said recombinant AAV to four rounds of cesium chloride gradient centrifugation.

26(Twice Amended). A method of delivering apolipoprotein E (ApoE) to a mammal with atherosclerosis, said method comprising the step of

administering to the mammal a composition comprising a recombinant adeno-associated virus (AAV) suspended in a biologically compatible carrier,

wherein said recombinant AAV comprises (a) a 5' AAV inverted terminal repeat (ITR), (b) nucleic acid sequences encoding human apolipoprotein E (ApoE) operably linked to regulatory sequences which direct expression thereof and (c) a 3' AAV ITR, wherein the recombinant AAV is at least as free of contaminating adenoviral helper virus as is obtained by subjecting said recombinant AAV to four rounds of cesium chloride gradient centrifugation

and wherein the ApoE in said composition is expressed in the mammal.

31(Amended). A method, said method comprising the step of

administering to the mammal a composition comprising a recombinant adeno-associated virus (AAV) suspended in a biologically compatible carrier intramuscularly,

wherein said recombinant AAV comprises (a) ) a 5' AAV inverted terminal repeat (ITR), (b) nucleic acid sequences encoding human apolipoprotein E (ApoE) operably linked to regulatory sequences which direct expression thereof and (c) a 3' AAV ITR,

wherein the rAAV is at least as free of contaminating adenoviral helper virus as is obtained by subjecting said recombinant AAV to four rounds of cesium chloride gradient centrifugation

and wherein the ApoE in said composition is expressed in the mammal.